

Warns Against Christmas Candle Danger

Fire Chief Howard L. Stanton issued a warning Thursday of the danger attending the use of candles on Christmas trees and especially from their display in windows where they would be close to curtains.

The danger from window displays this year seems more likely to be threatening than in other years because of the "Christ-candle" movement which has been given publicity by a magazine publication. The National Board of Fire Underwriters considers the peril so great that it has issued a warning, calling the candle propaganda "an insane Christmas suggestion."

The following is the board's warning, in which Chief Stanton concurs:

The insane suggestion of a lighted window candle for Christmas Eve,

with its inevitable tragic consequences, has again made its appearance. It was stated today by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

John H. Steiman, of Rochester, New York, has originated what is known as the "Christ-candle" movement and has sent out a pamphlet urging that it be adopted in all the homes of the country. This highly dangerous bit of sentimentalism is based upon the "old tradition" that a lighted candle set in the window on Christmas Eve will guide the Babe of Bethlehem to your home that he may bring you happiness. This suggestion has been published by a magazine of national circulation.

The last time that a proposition analogous to this was put forth was in December, 1917, when the American

Red Cross suggested that paper Red Cross "service flags" be placed in all windows with a lighted candle behind them. The national board of fire underwriters immediately called the attention of the Washington headquarters of the American Red Cross to the fact that a lighted candle in close proximity to window curtains, as it would be in a large percentage of the cases, would inevitably lead to hundreds, perhaps thousands of fires, with the probability of many fatalities. The Red Cross officials acted immediately by telegraphing all chapters throughout the country as follows:

"Immediate action National Board of Fire Underwriters feels Christmas Eve ceremony involves fire risk and, in view of their judgment, desire to do all possible to guard against risk. Please instruct chapter heads and workers and give wide publicity through press concerning fire hazard involved and importance of not using a lighted candle. Be sure direction is given for taking

down of all curtains, so that homes of less immoderate classes will not be endangered, then Christmas Eve observance can be carried through by raising of shades and letting light of room illuminate the service flag in the window, or an electric flashlight, as suggested, could be used on service flag. National board does not expect as to withhold any posters or advertising already planned."

They also prepared the following notice for display in moving picture theaters:

"Important Notice! Do not put a lighted candle behind the Red Cross 'service flag' in your window upon Christmas Eve; to do so might cause fire. Your flag will be sufficiently displayed if you merely raise the shade or draw the curtains and have the room illuminated."

So prompt and energetic was their action that the consequences of the dangerous suggestion were averted.

much time and energy in the effort to educate the public in common sense and carefulness. It is therefore disconcerting when a magazine of great influence gives currency to a suggestion which violates the most fundamental dictates of common sense. The reality of the danger involved appears in the fact that figures just compiled by the national board of fire underwriters show that there was approximately \$17,500,000 worth of damage done by fires caused by open lights in the years 1915 to 1919, not to mention the loss of life incurred.

FARM BUREAU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED
The directors of the New London County Farm Bureau met at the farm bureau office Wednesday forenoon, December 15th, and considered a large amount of business in connection with the farm bureau work. According to the new constitution and by-laws, the home economics

committee and two auditors were to be elected by the board. The three members elected to the executive committee were: George Kahn of Franklin, Mrs. Elsie Waterman of Lebanon and Elmer Allen of Waterford. Mrs. J. P. Huntington of Norwich was elected chairman of the home economics committee and the following committee was appointed to work with her: Mrs. B. T. Avery of Ledyard; Mrs. J. D. Avery of North Stratford; Miss Audrey Gernon and Miss Louise C. Howe of Norwich; Miss Katherine Ludington of Old Lyme; Mrs. Wm. Park of Halloway; Mrs. H. McCall of Lebanon; Mrs. Mary Allen of Waterford and Mrs. Wm. H. Dawley of Norwich. Charles P. Bushnell of Norwich Town and Charles I. Smith of Norwich were elected auditors for the coming year.

It was voted that the farm bureau make arrangements for a seed corn exhibit at the time of the Connecticut Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition at Hartford. Ex-Governor Woodruff has offered a \$100 silver cup for open competition by the various farm bureaus of the state and the details of arranging for this exhibit was left with the county agent.

It was voted that the farm bureau hold a poultry institute at some central point in the county this winter. W. W.

Service of Preston was elected to take charge of arrangements for this institute. Considerable discussion arose as to the advisability of continuing the advertising in the Farm Bureau News, and it was finally voted that a committee of three be appointed by the president to solicit advertisements for the farm bureau paper.

The following committee was appointed: W. D. Cope and Miss Louise C. Howe of Norwich and T. Miller of New London.
A motion was made and carried that the directors of the farm bureau meet quarterly as was done during the past year. The last regular meeting of the directors on the old farm bureau year was in November, so that the next regular meeting of the directors will come in February. The executive committee made up of the five officers of the farm bureau and the chairman of the home economics committee and the three members elected by the board of directors will meet on the other eight months of the year when the directors do not meet. It was voted that the first Tuesday of each month be the day of meeting and that the directors may at any time in Norwich and New London.

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES MEET
OVERCROWDING OF FAIR

The attitude of the Chamber of Commerce and the action of that body at a meeting yesterday at which it was decided to request Mayor Morgan to cause the suspension of the operation of shops at their close, has caused unusual interest in the membership of the several organizations that have already made arrangements for conducting fairs during the next few weeks.

The members of the several organizations declare that the action of the chamber is the result of a carefully

planned scheme which, if carried out, will work to the detriment of the fair. It is also asserted that the action of the chamber is the result of the suggestion of a few members of that organization.

Representative members of the several organizations have been greatly exasperated, especially that which refers to shops closing the doors and windows, others playing the device and winning others playing it.

The authorities have known of the attitude of organizations on matters which are of the taking the members' share and if the suggested device was a fair representation of the fair it would be a good thing for the Chamber of Commerce. "Watch it" and turning it into a fair.

Mayor Morgan stated this forenoon that he had not received any notice of the action of the chamber and that he would not proceed until he had the communication of the chamber. The action he would take, Mayor Morgan stated, would be the result of the communication to the Mayor by the Chamber of Commerce.

RECORD ISLAND LEADER
IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Record Island again takes the lead of all other New England states in the sale of war savings stamps per capita, as shown by the figures compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank, First Federal Reserve District, Boston, today. Record Island is now in the lead of all other states in the sale of war savings stamps per capita in this respect, having a record of six cents per capita, as compared with the next highest state, New Hampshire, at five cents per capita.

Thus for this year the official record of the sale of war savings stamps per capita in the state of Connecticut is \$1.14, or 114 cents per capita, as compared with the next highest state, New Hampshire, at 100 cents per capita. The sale of war savings stamps per capita in the state of Connecticut is \$1.14, or 114 cents per capita, as compared with the next highest state, New Hampshire, at 100 cents per capita.

On the total per capita for the year to date Record Island leads all other states, that honor belonging to Ohio.

TEMPORARY SUB STATION
AT THE TRAVEL BUILDING

Postmaster John P. Murphy has received authority from the post office department to erect a temporary station in the Travel Building to receive parcels from the post office. The station will open from 9 a. m. till 5 p. m. on the 18th, Saturday, and continue during the same hours until Thursday, the 23rd at 5 p. m.

Nothing but first-class parcels will be accepted at this station. Parcels can be insured by foreign packages and C. O. D. matter must be mailed at the main office. The postmaster suggests that patrons be particularly careful to wrap each parcel in substantial paper and have same tied with a knot cord. Thin tissue paper will not stand the usage during the holiday rush. Parcels should be ready to inform the clerk what the contents of each parcel is, so that it can be properly handled to insure proper treatment when being handled. The parcels should be addressed on only one side, the address of the sender should be in the upper left hand corner. The sender should also place a card with his address inside the parcel, so that in case the wrapper is lost, the parcel can be returned.

Easton's Compensation

The following workers' compensation awards have been approved by Commissioner J. J. Donahue:

U. S. Finishing Co., Norwich, employee, amputation of little toe, at rate of \$12.50.

Prod-McWilliams Co., Norwich, employee, and William J. McCall, Jr., employee, amputation of little toe, at rate of \$12.50.

Shellock-Warner Mfg. Co., Norwich, employee, and Annie Sullivan, wife, employee, burst blood vessel, at rate of \$12.50.

A. C. Swan Co., Norwich, employee, and William P. Blanchette, wife, employee, burst blood vessel, at rate of \$12.50.

At Hamburg the crane met Thursday evening. The subject taken up was "The Tenthredinism of the Landing of the Pilgrims."

THE PLAUT-CADDEN CO.

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EVENINGS

Columbia



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JEWELRY Diamonds Pianos and Player Pianos



Largest
Stock of
Diamonds
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READ OUR CLUB OFFERS

Club No. 1—A genuine fine white Diamond, in a 14-K, engraved mounting. Value \$30.00. Xmas Club Price \$25.00. PAY \$1.00 WEEKLY



BRACELET
WATCHES

The always popular Bracelet Watch. It will please you to see our great variety, from which you may choose. Our two Xmas Clubs are exceedingly attractive.

Club No. 1—A beautiful, small, 14-K gold-filled Bracelet Watch, 15-jewel movement of fine quality, sure to make a gift that will give lasting satisfaction, at a very moderate price. Xmas Club Price \$25.00. PAY \$1.00 WEEKLY

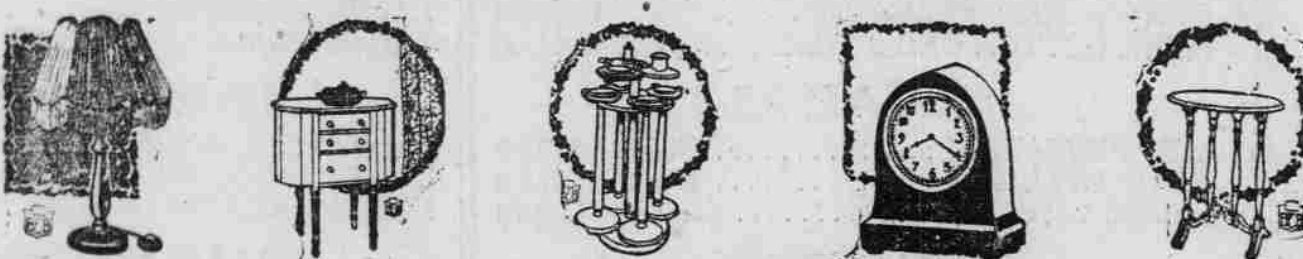
MEN'S WATCHES

Club No. 1—A very fine thin model, 17-jewel, Illinois movement, adjusted in a fine 14-K, gold-filled case, guaranteed to wear for 20 years, in plain or engine turn. Xmas Club Price \$35.00. PAY \$1.00 WEEKLY

Club No. 2—A very fine model, 17-jewel, made by the famous makers of the Gruen Watches. A watch of guaranteed quality for accuracy in keeping time, fitted in a splendid thin model 14-K gold-filled case, guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction for a period of 20 years. Xmas Club Price \$35.00. PAY \$1.00 WEEKLY

OTHER MODEL WATCHES, RANGING FROM \$3.00 to \$150.00

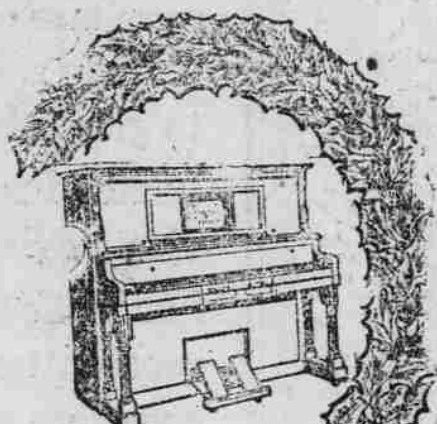
A FEW OF MANY SUGGESTIONS



Music and Musical Merchandise

This department of our great store will offer many suggestions for Xmas Gifts. You will find everything in Violins, Banjos, Mandolins, Harmonicas, Ukuleles, Music Boxes, Cornets, Guitars, Accordions, Drums, Metronomes, etc., etc.

All things considered there are few gifts presented at Christmas that will always be remembered and that will create a loving fondness as years go by. One of those few gifts is a Piano or Player Piano. Our Piano warehouses are filled with famous makes, such as, Chickering, Hardman, Hallett & Davis, Behr Brothers, Autopiano, Wassermann, Crawford, and many others, awaiting your investigation and selection. Why not come in now while the assortment is complete? You will be welcome whether as a purchaser or inspector



THE CHRISTMAS
QUESTION
ANSWERED

Special
Xmas
Terms

JEWELRY GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Rings, Brooches, Cuff Links, Lockets, Bracelets, LaValieres, Scarf Pins, Diamonds, Fine Watches, Fobs, Chains, Statuary, Gold Crosses, Gold Beads, Pearl Beads, Emblem Rings, etc.

Santa's Favorites This Year Will Be GIFTS OF FURNITURE!

A growing tendency is to give furniture for gifts. The reason is easy to find. Furniture not only means added luxury of convenience, but when well selected adds an attractive or substantial feature to the furnishings of a room. The daily use of a furniture gift, year after year, is a constant reminder of the giver—which after all is the spirit of Christmas gifts. Dining Room Furniture, Living Room Furniture, Bedroom Furniture, Easy Chairs, Rockers, Tea Wagons, Period Desks, Ferneries, Bookcases, Smokers, Lamps, Pictures, Mirrors, Sewing Cabinets, Statuary, Telephone Stands, etc., make fine gifts. Below we illustrate only a few of the many articles selected from our big Holiday Furniture Stocks.

THE PLAUT-CADDEN CO.

(ESTABLISHED 1872)
135-143 Main Street Norwich, Conn.

Useful Gifts For Xmas SLIPPERS

FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

A LARGE AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF STYLES AND COLORS, AT EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICES.

BUY EARLY
WHILE ASSORTMENT IS COMPLETE.

LADIES' TWELVE-BUTTON SPATS
ALL SHADES—\$2.00 PER PAIR.

ABLEMAN'S SHOE STORE

Hagberg Building 310 Main Street

WORTH SPECIALTY SHOP

74 Main Street

Norwich, Conn.

January Reductions NOW

OUR ENTIRE STOCK GREATLY REDUCED

Coats Wraps Dresses

This marks the most important event to all seekers of the best in the latest styles and discriminating buyers in Norwich and vicinity.

COATS

Some handsomely Fur Trimmed in Bolivia, Veldyne, Duvet-De-Laine, Verona and Evora.

Sport Models in Polauette.

NOW SELLING FOR

\$29.75

WRAPS

All Wool Velour, Veldyne, and Silvertone

NOW SELLING FOR

\$19.75

DRESSES

Tricotins, Silk Duvetyne, Chiffon, Velvet, Velvetyne, Charmeuse and a variety of new Spring models, in Taffeta and Georgette combinations

\$12.75 UP